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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASST. COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, WASHINGTON D.C. 20231 ON THIS 29th DAY OF August 2002.  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH CERTIFICATION AND  
PETITION (37 CFR 1.56 AND 1.97-1.98)**

Sir:

Enclosed with this paper are:

a copy of PCT International Search Report dated July 15, 2002.

**Certification (37 CFR 1.97(d) and (e))**

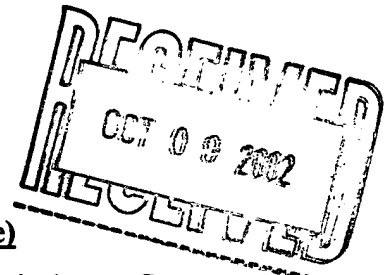
I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office, i.e. the International Searching Authority, not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. The report was dated July 15, 2002.

**Petition (37 CFR 1.97(d))**

It is believed that all the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 (d) have been satisfied. It is therefore respectfully requested that this Disclosure Statement and the enclosed references be considered and made of record.

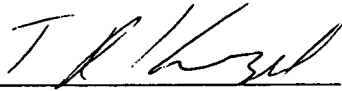
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 21-0010 the amount of \$180.00, in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97(d) and 1.17(i). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit any deficiency or credit any overpayment of the fees required by 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97-1.98 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 21-0010.

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